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**SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention** 1999 OCT 26 A 11: 44

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**LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Kristina Hatlelid, Ph.D., Division of Health Sciences**


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**LOCATION: Duluth, Georgia**

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Kristina Hatlelid, Ph.D., Division of Health Sciences**

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Susan Cummins (California Dept. of Health Services), Jerry Hershovitz (CDC), Henry Falk, Anne Guthrie-Wengrovitz (Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning), Richard Jackson (CDC), Birt Harvey (physician), Debra Brody (CDC), Robert Jones (CDC), Rachel Kaufmann (CDC), Carla Campbell (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), Richard Hoffman (Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment), Estelle Richman (Dept. of Public Health, Philadelphia), Michael Bolger (FDA), Steve Hayes (Gobbell Hays Partners, Inc.), Eric France (Kaiser Permanente), Rebecca Parkin (George Washington University), Walter Rogan (NIEHS), Stuart swayze (FDA)**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING: Items on the agenda included discussion of the Medicaid screening policy document; other Medicaid issues; the letter to Sec. Shalala; CDC activities; case management issues; NHANES 1999+; and Federal**



lead research. The Medicaid screening policy document took up most of day 1, so the case management issues discussion was rescheduled for the next meeting (February 28-29), and other agenda items received less attention. Jerry Hershovitz has replaced Henry Falk as Executive Secretary. Ellen Silbergeld has resigned; there are 3 spots vacant. Susan Cummins would appreciate suggestions for replacements.

The discussion of the Medicaid screening policy document was to address the intended audience (state Medicaid directors, health departments and/or providers), where to publish (MMWR, Pediatrics, JAMA, others?), and what specific recommendations to include. The purpose of the document is to correct the impression that screening of Medicaid children should be done, but may be optional (screening guidelines published in 1997). Screening of these children is required. Although there was spirited discussion on the issues, not much was finalized. Anne Guthrie-Wengrovitz will rewrite parts of it and additional discussion will take place among the members by conference call and mail. The members must vote to approve the document before publication.

The Sec. Shalala letter has been received by her office and has been assigned a staff member to study it and draft a response. One of the issues is that Medicaid cannot pay for environmental investigation (analysis of dust, soil, paint, etc.) Another issue (also to be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting) is the development of scientifically valid criteria for issuing waivers for lead screening for individual state programs. Two states (Utah and Alaska) have applied for such waivers.

The NHANES 1999+ presentation covered what's new for this time around and what lead-specific items are included in the exam and surveys. Although young children are not a focus this time (oversampled groups include 12-19 years, pregnant women, >60 years, African- and Mexican-Americans), all participants will have a blood test for lead and cadmium. Two dust wipes (floor and sill in room occupied by child) will be collected in some homes. Changes in the data collection system should improve the quality of data and speed data dissemination.

The next meeting will include items mentioned above, as well as a presentation on pica in pregnant women (women eating pottery, mugs, an adobe wall, etc.)